

May 19, 2011

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 849 – *State Government – Land Acquisitions and Transfers of Property*.

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to negotiate land acquisitions under specified circumstances, requires the Department to obtain two independent appraisals of a property before acquiring it and requires specified land acquisition contracts to be approved by the Board of Public Works.

House Bill 1025, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 849.

Sincerely,

Governor